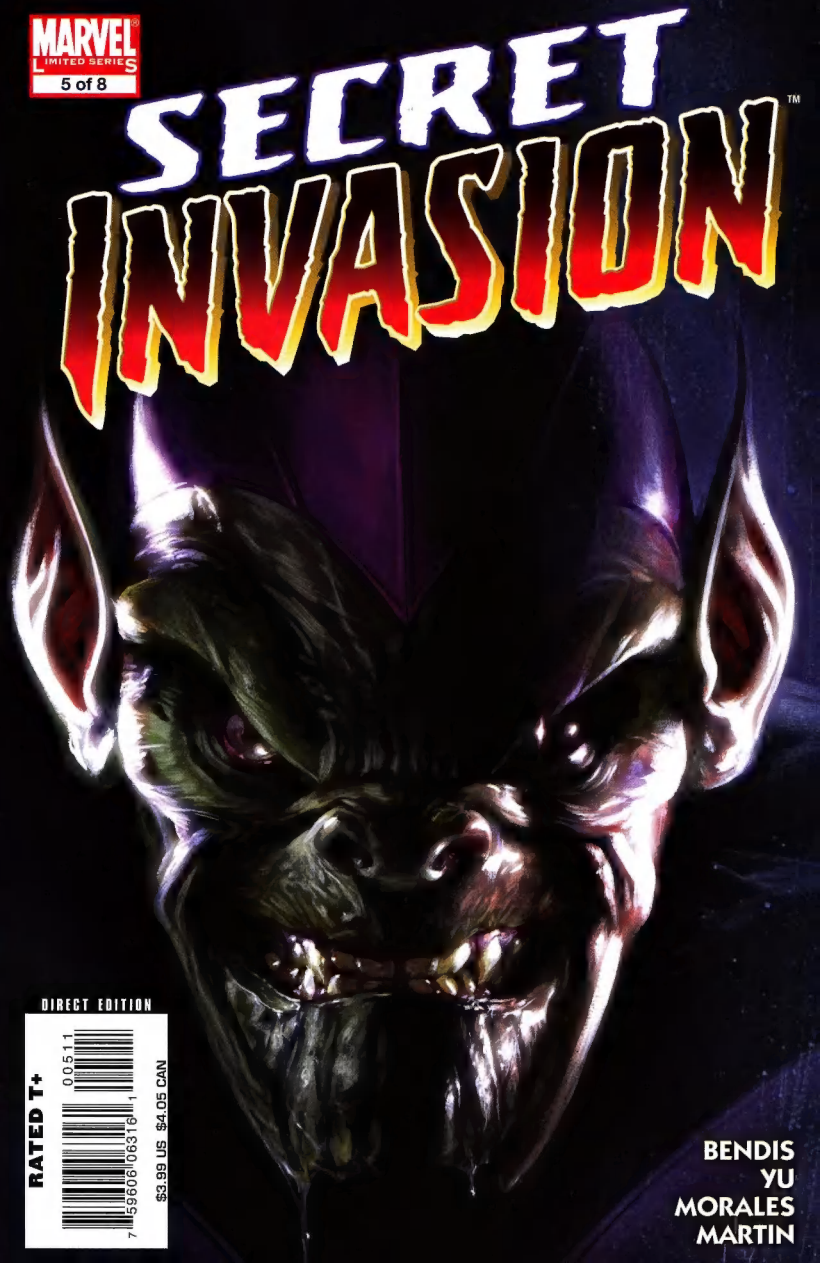
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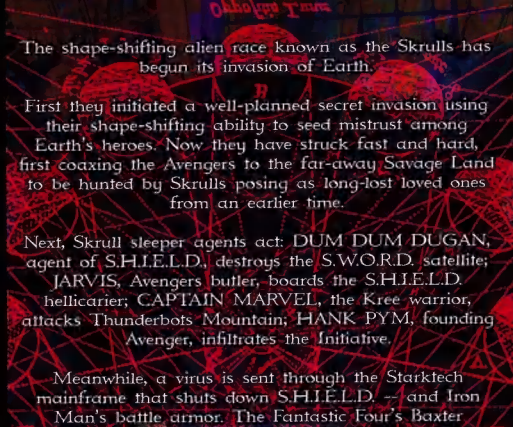

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has begun its invasion of Earth.

First they initiated a well-planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among Earth's heroes. Now they have struck fast and hard, first coaxing the Avengers to the far-away Savage Land to be hunted by Skrulls posing as long-lost loved ones from an earlier time.

Next, Skrull sleeper agents act: DUM DUM DUGAN, agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., destroys the S.W.O.R.D. satellite; JARVIS, Avengers butler, boards the S.H.I.E.L.D. hellicarier; CAPTAIN MARVEL, the Kree warrior, attacks Thunderbolts Mountain; HANK PYM, founding Avenger, infiltrates the Initiative.

Meanwhile, a virus is sent through the Starktech mainframe that shuts down S.H.I.E.L.D. -- and Iron Man's battle armor. The Fantastic Four's Baxter Building is shunted into the Negative Zone and Reed Richards is captured as a Skrull enemy of the state.

Finally, a ground assault in the form of thousands of super-powered Skrulls touches down in Manhattan and quickly dispatches what's left of the Initiative's young heroes.

But just when all hope seems to be lost, Nick Fury shows up with a brand new team of Howling Commandos to hold off the Skrulls, and the Hood begins assembling villains to join in the heroes' fight. Out in space, S.W.O.R.D. agent Brand infiltrates the Skrull Mothership. And back in the Savage Land, Black Widow saves Tony Stark from the Skrull Queen, who is posing as Spider-Woman.

Spider-Woman disappears...but not before she tells them that Tony is the greatest sleeper agent in the history of the Skrull Empire...

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THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN.
LET ME TELL YOU.
I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING VOICES IN YOUR HEAD.
VOICES PULLING YOU IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.
AND I ALSO KNOW SOMETHING--THIS MIGHT SOUND STRANGE, AND IT IS--
BUT I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT NOT BEING SURE IF YOU'RE REALLY PINK...
...OR GREEN.
AND I CAN TELL YOU THIS...
CLICHÉ THAT IT IS...
ONLY ONE PERSON CAN DECIDE WHO YOU ARE INSIDE AND OUT.
AND THAT IS YOU.
NORMAN OSBORN, DIRECTOR
AND HERE YOU ARE--YOU'VE BEEN SENT HERE TO KILL US BUT I SEE THAT YOU CAN'T.
MAY I ASK...THIS FORM YOU'VE CHOSEN AS OUR DESTROYER...
WAS IT PICKED FOR YOU BY THE SKRULL EMPIRE OR DID YOU PICK IT YOURSELF?
IT WAS--IT WAS PICKED FOR ME.
WERE YOU A SLEEPER AGENT?
BY THAT I MEAN... DID YOU KNOW WHO YOU WERE ALL ALONG? DID YOU KNOW WHY YOU WERE HERE?
NO.
YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE THE KREE WARRIOR MAR-VELL.
YES.
THE MAN OF HONOR. THE WARRIOR. EARTH'S PROTECTOR.
YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE TO PROTECT US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.
I AM SO SORRY.

FAKE VAULT
DIRECTOR OSBORN? WHAT IS THIS? WHAT HAPPENED?
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.
GET THE THUNDERBOLT ALPHA TEAM UP AND ON THEIR FEET. GET TRANSPORT UP AND READY IN FIVE.
MAC GARGAN IS SOMEWHERE OFF CAMPUS. GET HIM.
IF ANYONE DOES ANYTHING OUT OF CHARACTER, SHOOT THEM ON SIGHT.
NOT EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE TODAY.
GIVE ME THAT.
WHAT'S HAPPENED?!
WE'RE AT WAR.

ELSEWHERE...
GUYS, I THINK SHE'S--
CASSIE?
THERE SHE IS.
WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND OF THE BARELY LIVING, CASSIE LANG.
PATRIOT, HAWKEYE, VISION...
OH, MAN... WHAT--WHAT HAPPENED?
GOT OUR LIVES SAVED.
YOU ALMOST GOT WHACKED.. AND ON TV.
SERIOUSLY.
UH, WHO ARE YOU? WHERE ARE WE?
PHOBOS. GOD OF FEAR. NEW GUY. HEY.
LOOK WHO SAVED US...
OH MY GOD, IS THAT...
NICK FURY HIMSELF.
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED... THIS COULD END UP BEING FUN.
NOT EVEN CNN?
NOTHING. EVERYTHING IS DOWN.
THIS IS IT, SIR. WHAT YOU SEE.
THEY CUT ALL GLOBAL TRANSMISSIONS?! EVEN I COULDN'T DO THAT.
WELL, SIR, I'M NOT EXACTLY PHILO FARNSWORTH BUT--
UH, YOU GUYS TRY ON-LINE TOO?
YES, JERRY, THANKS, WE TRIED ONLINE.
JUST TRYING TO HELP.
UH... EXCUSE ME, MISTER FURY.
DUDE'S A COLONEL.
HE'S A GENERAL.
UH, WHO ARE ALL YOU PEOPLE? WHERE ARE WE?
HONESTLY, COLONEL, I THINK WE'D BETTER CUT POWER. THEY MIGHT BE TRACKING SIGNALS.
NOPE.
I THINK THEY'RE ABOUT TO TELL US HOW IT IS.
I'M SORRY, HOW ARE--
SHUT YOUR YAPS!!
IT'S HAPPENING.
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WE'RE NOT HERE TO HURT YOU. WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU.
WE HAVE TRAVELLED ACROSS THE UNIVERSE TO SAVE YOU FROM YOURSELVES.
YOU HAVE SO MUCH POTENTIAL, BUT YOU'RE ON THE BRINK OF COMPLETE DISASTER.
YOU ARE AT CONSTANT WAR AND LIVING IN DISEASE YOU CANNOT CURE.
SOME OF YOU GLEEFULLY WALLOW IN EXCESS WHILE YOUR BROTHER NEXT TO YOU STARVES.
AND IN DOING SO YOU ARE DESTROYING YOUR ECOSYSTEM BEYOND REPAIR.
WHAT MOST DISTURBS US IS THAT YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF YOUR SITUATION AND ACTIONS... AND THOUGH YOU'VE EVOLVED TO A PLACE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, YOU DO NOTHING.
WE WISH NO HARM OR BLOODSHED...BUT WE WILL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SAVE YOU.
ABDCO
COLBERT '08 (AND SO CAN YOU!)
YOU WILL CONFORM. YOU WILL ASSIMILATE TO OUR WAYS. BECAUSE THEY WORK. AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.
AND YOU WILL DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL SAVE YOU AND YOUR PLANET.
THE EMPIRE HAS EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER DREAM OF AND THINGS YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO IMAGINE.
ALL OF THIS WE OFFER TO YOU.
THE EARTH IS NOW PART OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.
YOUR DAYS OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP, DISEASE AND GREED ARE OVER.
HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH.

LOW EARTH ORBIT.
EMBRACE CHANGE.
WHAT IS THIS SHAPE YOU'VE TAKEN? WHO ARE YOU?
IDENTIFY YOURSELF.
EXCUSE ME?
IDENTIFY YOURSELF.
I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU. I'M PART OF THE QUEEN'S DELEGATION.
WHICH DELEGATION?
WE'RE AT WAR, SOLDIER! YOU DON'T AIM YOUR WEAPON AT A SUPERIOR OFFICER. GIVE ME THAT!!
MY--MY APOLOGIES. WHICH DELEGATION ARE YOU?

PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM
SPASH
PSHAM
PSHAM
PSHAM
PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM
PSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAM
AARRGGH!!!
PSHAMPSHAMPSHAMPSHAM
PSHAMPSHAMPSHAM

WOOF.
THE KREE LANGUAGES I COULD WRITE A BOOK IN..
SKRULL I PROBABLY SOUND LIKE A DRUNK INFANT.
ALL HANDS, ABANDON SHIP! THERE IS A FLUCTUATION LEAK IN THE MAIN CABINS! ALL HANDS, ABANDON SHIP!
EH, @#$%% IT.
BEEP
FFFFFFFF...!

AGH!!
CHOOM!
@#$%!
OH, MAN...
GLEE GAK
DOCTOR RICHARDS! MY NAME IS AGENT ABIGAIL BRAND!
I'M DIRECTOR OF S.W.O.R.D. WE'RE AT WAR WITH THE SKRULL EMPIRE AND I NEED YOU TO--

GAKK!!
MY CHILDREN, SKRULL!
MY WIFE! GIVE THEM TO ME OR I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT HERE!
I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!
NOT...A--
YOU DIDN'T SHAPE-SHIFT BACK.
HMM.
YOU MONSTERS SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE.
BUT YOU NEEDED MY BRAIN.
ALL YOUR TALK...AND YOU COULDN'T DO THIS ON YOUR OWN.
STARK TECH IS COMPROMISED. THE BAXTER BUILDING IS...
I KNOW WHAT WE NEED.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER, BERMUDA TRIANGLE
WELL, JARVIS THE SKRULL, I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
MS. HILL. YOUR HEROES HAVE FALLEN, YOUR SYSTEMS HAVE SHUT DOWN.
AS WE SPEAK, THE WORD OF OUR INVASION AND INTENTIONS HAS BEEN BROADCAST TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.
YOU ARE STANDING ON A SKRULL WORLD.
YOU ARE PART OF THE EMPIRE.
S.H.I.E.L.D. IS NOW A TOOL OF THE EMPIRE.
WAS I INTERRUPTING YOU?
I WAS TELLING YOU THAT WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A T-SHIRT.
I'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE, BUT I DEFINITELY WILL NOW.
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT T-SHIRT WILL SAY?
MS. HILL, I UNDERSTAND THE "SMART MOUTH" WHEN I HEAR IT.
I'VE BEEN LIVING AMONG YOU FOR MANY MONTHS.
NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
A MAN--A MAN I RESPECT CAME TO ME A FEW MONTHS AGO AND HE TOLD ME, HE SAID S.H.I.E.L.D. MAKES THIS VERY COOL... ROBOT (FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM)... A LIFE MODEL DECOY.
YOU KNOW, FOR USE IN ESPIONAGE OR COVERT OPERATIONS.
HE TOLD ME TO START USING THEM. THAT DOING SO WASN'T CHEATING OR A COP-OUT.
IT WAS JUST A SMART TACTICAL MANEUVER.
SO I'M SAYING TO YOU, WHEN I'M DONE HERE I'M GOING TO MAKE A T-SHIRT THAT SAYS--
EXECUTE HER.

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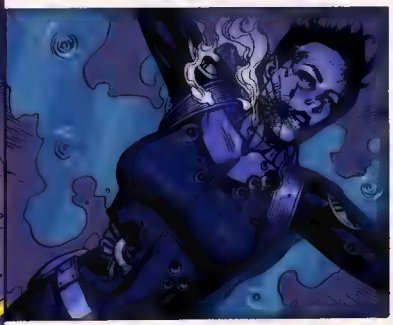
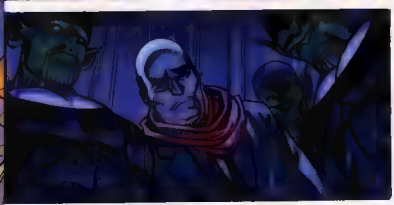
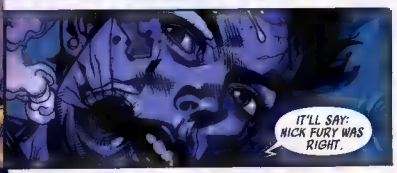
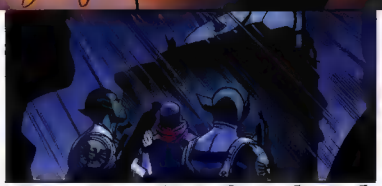
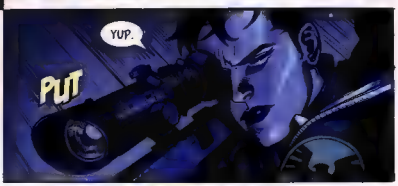





IT'LL SAY: NICK FURY WAS RIGHT.

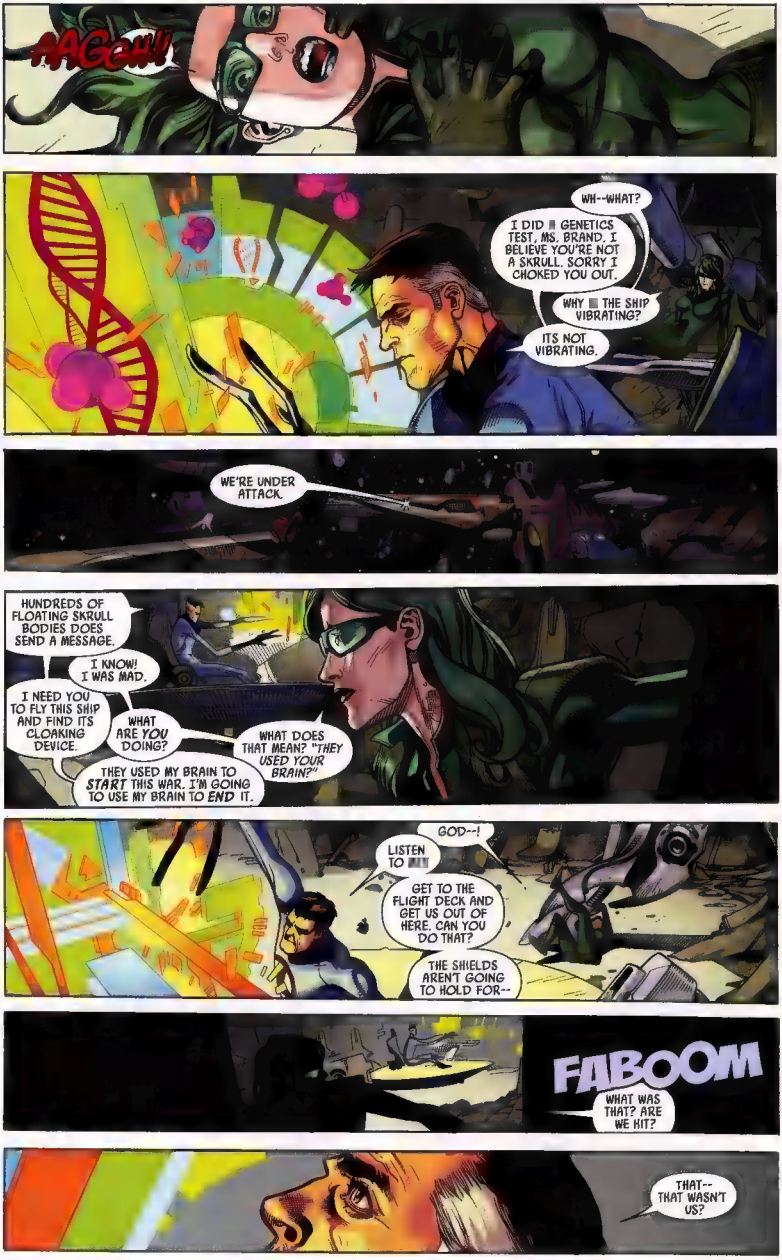



YUP.
PUT

UDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDA

MARIA HILL.
SOCRATES. BOLOGNA SANDWICH. SOUPY SALES. CAMERON CROWE.
HELICARRIER SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE ENGAGED.

WHR
BOOM!

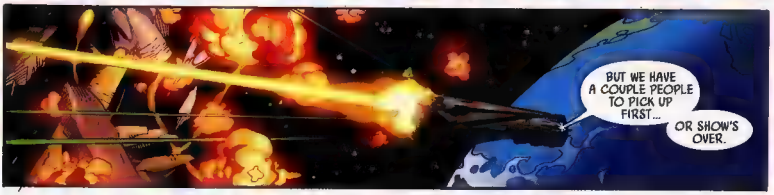

AAGgh!!
WH--WHAT?
I DID A GENETICS TEST, MS. BRAND. I BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL. SORRY I CHOKED YOU OUT.
WHY IS THE SHIP VIBRATING?
ITS NOT VIBRATING.
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.
HUNDREDS OF FLOATING SKRULL BODIES DOES SEND A MESSAGE.
I KNOW! I WAS MAD.
I NEED YOU TO FLY THIS SHIP AND FIND ITS CLOAKING DEVICE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THEY USED MY BRAIN TO START THIS WAR. I'M GOING TO USE MY BRAIN TO END IT.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? "THEY USED YOUR BRAIN?"
GOD--!
LISTEN TO ME!
GET TO THE FLIGHT DECK AND GET US OUT OF HERE. CAN YOU DO THAT?
THE SHIELDS AREN'T GOING TO HOLD FOR--
FABOOM
WHAT WAS THAT? ARE WE HIT?
THAT--- THAT WASN'T US?

IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL

OKAY!
FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS.
GET US TO NEW YORK, MS. BRAND. GO!
NOT NEW YORK!

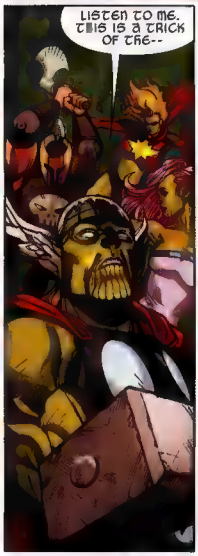
MY FAMILY IS DYING!!

THE EARTH IS DYING, DOCTOR!
WE ARE GOING TO NEW YORK...


BUT WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE TO PICK UP FIRST...
OR SHOW'S OVER.

THE SAVAGE LAND.
GGH!
TONY, GET UP, WE GOT COMPANY!
UGH!
SO, ANYONE HERE IS SKRULL?
GREAT, NOW THEY GOT A KA-ZAR MAYBE.
THAT'S WHAT I SAID. I'M ALMOST CONVINCED IT'S HIM.
SAYS THE SPIDER-MAN IN THE FULL BODY STOCKING. OUT!
OUT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH STARK?
OUTSIDE, NOW!
WHO DID ALL THIS?
LISTEN TO THE WIDOW OR I'LL STICK YA!!
BACK ON OUT, ALLA YOU.
I COULD POINT IT RIGHT UP YOUR--
POINT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE, RED.
KRAARRG!!
EASY!
OKAY, GREAT! MORE TENSION!
WE HEARD GUNSHOTS AND THOUGHT, HEY, LET'S WALK TOWARDS THEM.
YEAH I DID THE SAME THING.
AND I USED TO BE SMART, I SWEAR TO GOD...
SO I GUESS ALL THE "BIG TIME SUPER HEROES" THAT CRASH-LANDED IN THAT SHIP WERE SKRULLS AFTER ALL.
NOT EXACTLY, LUKE.
BARTON, MAN, I'M TELLING YOU.
BACK OFF, CAGE. THIS IS MY WIFE.
HOW ABOUT E-EVERYONE JUST--?
I KNOW EXACTLY WHICH OF YOU ARE SKRULLS AND WHICH ARE NOT!

I'M EMMA FROST. THE WHITE QUEEN OF THE HELLFIRE CLUB.
I CAN READ YOUR MINDS. I CAN SEE INTO YOUR SOULS.
I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THAT SHIP FOR GOD KNOWS HOW LONG AND I WILL [illegible] EVERY ONE OF YOU SKRULL CREATURES PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
I'M TALKING TO YOU, "MISTER SPIDER-MAN."
I KNOW EXACTLY WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE.
WELL, OKAY, THAT [illegible] A [illegible] OL' LIE. SO NOW I KNOW YOU'RE [illegible] SKRULL!!
NOW THEY GOT US KILLIN' EACH OTHER AGAIN.
YES! TELL THEM!
(UNLESS YOU'RE A SKRULL. THEN HIT YOURSELF.)
HONEY, LET'S DITCH ALL THIS AND GET BACK TO THE MAINLAND.
YEAH, I THINK YOU'RE--
NO ONE LEAVES. MY [illegible] IS SUSAN STORM OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.
AND I'LL HOLD YOU ALL IN A FORCE-FIELD UNTIL THIS GETS SORTED OUT TO MY SATISFACTION!
UM, WELL, LET ME JUST SAY ONE LAST TIME THAT I'M NOT [illegible] SKRULL!
AND, IF YOU PLEASE, GET THAT GUN OUT OF THE BACK OF MY HEAD!
THOR, IRON MAN, COME ON, GUYS...YOU TELL US WHAT TO DO.
YES, LEAD US. WHAT'S THE PLAN HERE?
I'LL TELL OF A PLAN!
BY THE POWER OF MY FATHER--
OH, MAN...
THY FOUL VILLAINY WILL COME TO AN END!
OH MY G--


LISTEN TO ME. THIS IS A TRICK OF THE--

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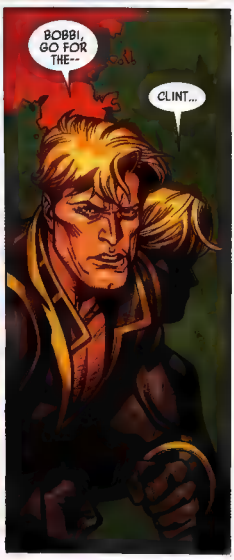
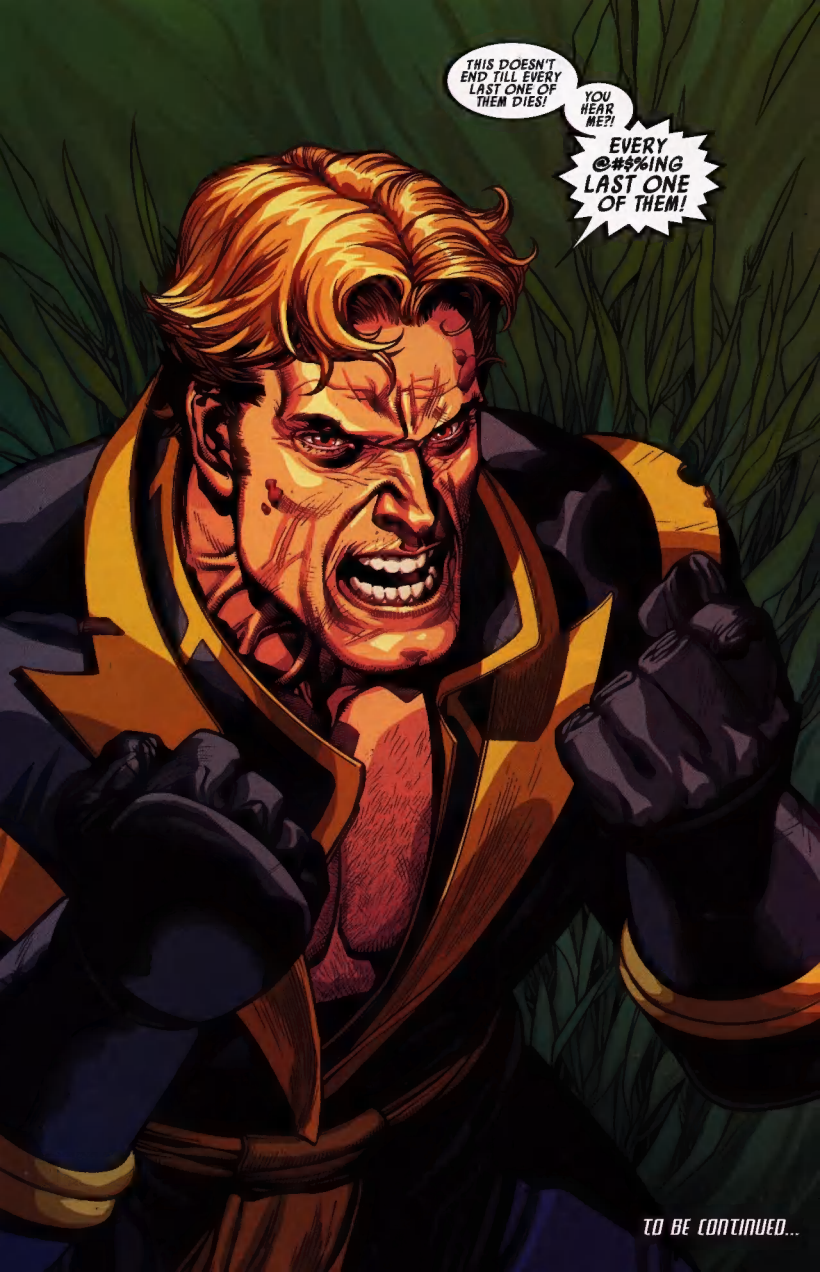
BAM
SHUT YOUR @#$ING HOLE!
BAM
KACHUNK


BOBBI, GO FOR THE--
CLINT...

JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS ISN'T--
AAARRGGH!!
BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDAB
SMACK

RRAARRGGHH!!
AAAIIEE!!
REED, HONEY? THANK GOD YOU'RE HERE.
THIS--THIS IS SOME NEW TRICK OF THE--
WHERE ARE MY CHILDREN?!
Y-YOU HAVE CHILDREN??
TONY? YOU SEE? TOLD YOU...YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL.
I CCCAN'T--
LISTEN TO ME, YOU'RE JUST SICK.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HUMAN RACE...NEW YORK CITY IS UNDER SIEGE AND THE EARTH IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE.
ANYONE IN THE MOOD TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...HOP ON BOARD.
WE'RE LEAVING NOW.
TONY? TONY?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
HE JUST WENT DOWN. THEY DID A REAL NUMBER ON HIM.
VVVIRUS.
THERE'S STILL SKRULLS OUT THERE IN THE JUNGLE.
WE'LL DEAL WITH IT. GO!
I WANT TO GO TO NEW YORK AND HELP THE FIGHT.
THEN GO. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
SPIDER-WOMAN WAS ONE OF THEM? WHERE IS SHE?
OUR SPIDER-WOMAN?
IT'S TRUE.
LISTEN TO ME...
ALL OF YOU...
SON OF A--
CLINT, LEAVE IT...


THIS DOESN'T END TILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM DIES!
YOU HEAR ME?!
EVERY @#$%ING LAST ONE OF THEM!
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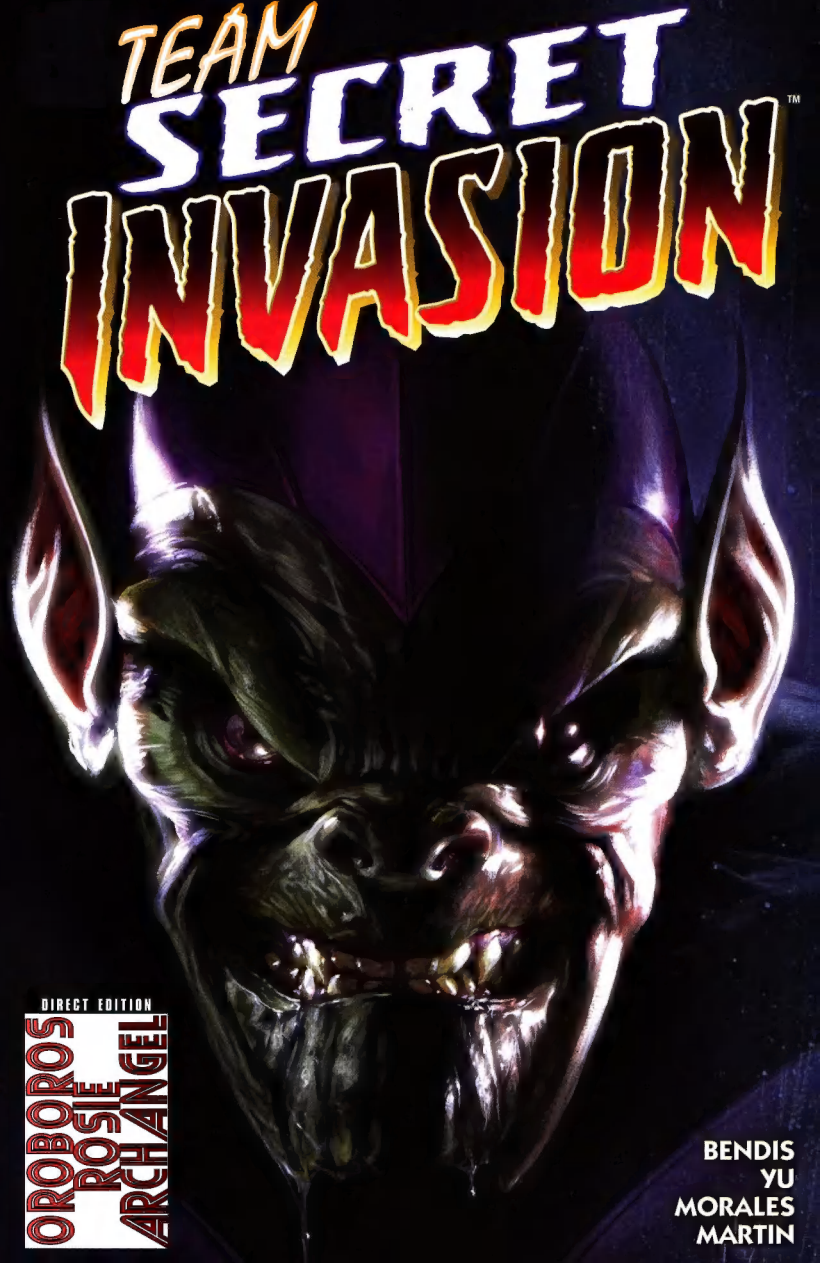
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